

## REMARKS

The subject application was most recently examined with 24 claims, consisting of independent claim 1, directed to a drumhead, with associated dependent claims 2-4 and 6-9; independent claim 10 also directed to a drumhead, with associated dependent claims 11-16; and independent claim 17 directed to a tone control device, with associated dependent claims 18-25.

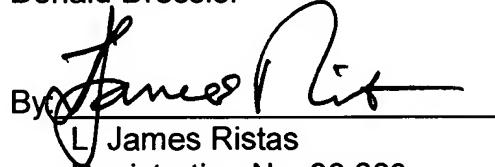
In the Official Action, claims 10-25 were allowed and claim 6 was indicated as allowable, whereas claims 1-5 [sic, 1-4] and 7-9 were rejected. Without conceding the merits of the rejection, but for the sake of expediency, claim 1 has now been amended to incorporate the features of now-cancelled claim 6.

All claims remaining were allowed or allowable, and the amendment recasts the allowable claim in independent form such that it is in condition for allowance.

No other issues remain outstanding.

For the foregoing reasons, applicant requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert A. Gatzen and  
Donald Dressler

By   
L. James Ristas  
Registration No. 28,663  
Alix, Yale & Ristas LLP  
Attorney for Applicant

Date: December 11, 2006  
750 Main Street  
Hartford, Connecticut 06103-2721  
(860) 527-9211  
Our Ref: DADD/131/US

LJR/ds

G:\AYR saved docs\Filing Docs\DaDD\dadd131us\dadd131us121206amendment.doc